(b) whether the Society had made default in repaying the instalment;

(c) if so, how many instalments are in arrears and what is the amount due under each instalment;

(d) have the Government taken any action against the Society for the recovery of the loan advanced ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) A sum of Rs. 600 was advanced by the Government as loan to the Society in 1106.

(b) Yes.

(c) Two instalments. Rs. 50, with interest in each instalment.

(d) Notice has been issued to the Society to pay off the arrears. Rs. 15 has been recovered in Vrischigam last towards the defaulted instalments.

Appointments in the P. W. Department during the last six years.

568. Mr.K.M. Ibrahim.—Will the Government be pleased to place on the table a list of appointments under the P. W. D. (both executive and ministerial) within the period of last six years in the order of seniority in the form of the following table:

Serial number in the order of seniority	Name	First date of appointment	Acting or confirmed	Total service.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—A list showing the details is placed on the Council Table.

Retired Officers who were given more pension than admissible under the rules.

569. Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Will the Government be pleased to give a list of retired officers to whom more pension than is actually due under the rules is given in this year, the amount so given and the reasons for same?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Please see statement appended. (*Appendix I.*)

Suspension of teachers in the Vivekodayam High School.

570. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

1. (a) whether any of the teachers of the Vivekodayam High School was suspended by the Manager;

(b) if so, who they are;

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(c) and for what reasons;

(d) whether any enquiry was conducted;

(e) what are the charges and the explanations of the teachers concerned;

(f) has the Director of Public Instruction taken any action in the matter;

(g) if so, what;

(h) did the Manager get the previous sanction of the Director of Public Instruction before dismissal;

2. (a) who are the teachers appointed in their places;

(b) have they the necessary permits to teach in the High School Department?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—1. (a) Yes.

(b) Messrs. G. Parameswara Ayyar and V. G. Ramaswamy Ayyar.

(c) For having the laboratory of the school open.

(d) No.

(e) Please see answer to (c). The teachers explained that it was the duty of the masapady to close the laboratory.

(f) Yes.

(g) The Director of Public Instruction has requested the Manager to hold the order of suspension in abeyance, to conduct an enquiry and submit report.

(h) No.

2. (a) A Demonstrator of the St. Thomas' College.

(b) No.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Did the Director get any correspondence from the Manager regarding the reasons for the dismissal of the teachers?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—The reason is given there.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—What is the reason mentioned in the report of the Director?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—The reason given was these teachers who were in charge of the laboratory and chemical stores have left all the doors and windows open and without locking them after the school hours, and when asked to explain their conduct they submitted oral replies and when they were asked for written answers they said that since the question was not given in writing only oral answers could be given.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Is it the duty of the teachers to shut the doors and windows of the laboratory when they leave the schools?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—In the Government schools we have got laboratory attenders who are charged with the duties of keeping the school and keeping the chemicals in tact. In the

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case of these aided schools they cannot go for these additional appointments.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Was there any case of dismissal in that school?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—Not that I am aware of.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—But the question is answered.

Mr. I. N. Menon.—I meant suspension. It is a mistake.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Had not the management a case that they found after school hours poison and other laboratory articles were lying outside the store room? Was it merely opening the doors and windows of the room?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—Sir, the laboratory consists of not only the rooms but working benches. After the working hours the articles lying on these are not generally taken into the repositories. They will be lying on the working benches. These were lying there.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Was it not the duty of the teachers concerned to put them into the repositories when they were lying here and there?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—So the Manager says. In the Sirkar schools they don't do it.

Mr. K. Ayyappan.—Is there not a peon in the school?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—There is a Masapady.

Mr. K. Ayyappan.—Is he not expected to close the windows and doors when the teachers leave the school?

Mr. I.N. Menon.—The practice was he was doing all these things.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—(g) Did the Manager obey this order?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—The Manager sent me a letter saying that he is inquiring into the matter. He did not actually obey, but asked me in return not to press him to see that the order is being complied with.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar—Is it not the duty of the Manager to obey under the Standing Orders?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—According to the departmental rules he has to.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Has the Director taken any action for the disobedience of the Manager?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—It was brought to my notice that the management has come to an agreement among themselves in the course of a couple of days and therefore I thought it was not necessary for me to immediately interfere when there was a chance of amicable settlement.

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Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Who was the teacher appointed in the place? Can teachers who have got the necessary permits be appointed ?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—They cannot.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Has not the Manager violated the rules in this also ?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—Yes.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—What action was taken ?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—I was about to issue a further order when I was informed by the authorities that the Manager had changed hands, that the teachers were going to be reinstated and the order of the department was going to be obeyed. So I thought there was no room for any further action.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.— Is there any circular of the department which says that the Managers have power to suspend the teachers without the previous sanction but subject to the approval of the Director?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—The circular is just the reverse. It reads as follows:—'The Managers of all recognised schools in the State are required that the permanent licensed teachers in the schools should not be suspended without the previous sanction of the Director of Public Instruction.'

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Before that, was there not a circular?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—It is only an addition to the Code rules.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Was it published in the Gazette?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—I think so. It was done with the sanction of the Diwan. I want notice.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Was the teacher actually appointed or was one of the demonstrators asked to go and engage one or two classes? Was there a formal appointment?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—Even this deputation was not communicated to me. I discovered that the man was actually doing the work.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Was there an actual appointment? Was it not a case where one of the demonstrators was asked to engage a class ?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—I am unable to find out the distinction. In either case it was an actual discovery. No report was made about the deputation or appointment.

Fight among teachers in Nalleppilly.

571. Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state—

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